COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, *the* *10th of August 1931.*
25th of Karkadagam 1106.

The House met at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, C. A. Ouseph and P. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Motor accidents.

121. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of motor accidents in the State in 1105 and 1106;

(b) how many cases under the Motor Regulation have been departmentally dealt with by the Commissioner of Police in 1105 and 1106;

(c) in how many of these action taken without receiving explanations from the parties;

(d) how many cases under the Motor Regulation (alone or along with other Regulations) have been withdrawn from court under orders from the Commissioner of Police in 1104, 1105 and 1106, giving the station number, nature of offence in each case and the reasons for such withdrawal :

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) 1105—38 accidents.
1106—(till the end of Mithunam) 41 accidents.

(b) 1105—205.
1106—(till the end of Mithunam) 280.

(c) Punishments are ordered on the diaries of the Traffic Inspector and his staff and the special reports submitted by Station House Officers and also in cases where the offences are detected by the Commissioner of Police. Explanations are taken wherever necessary. It is not possible to give the exact number without referring to the daily diaries of the Traffic staff and other records which involve much labour and time.

(d) 1104— 4 cases
1105—1 case
1106—1 case

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1104.

(1) *Crime No. 14/04, Kunnamkulam.*—The charge was that C. S. 393 took 20 minutes less than the schedule time for its journey from Trichur to Kunnamkulam on 13th Meenam 1104. It was ordered to be withdrawn as the offence was not a serious one particularly in view of the fact that there was no case of rash driving or over-speed and the probability of slight difference in the time kept at Trichur and Kunnamkulam.

(2) *Crime No. 14/04, Vadakkancheri.*—The offence that the driver who had license to drive only "Chevrolete" buses was found driving a "Dodge" lorry with only one head light was not found to be a serious one to be taken to the court. The driver was warned and the charge was withdrawn.

(3) *Crime No. 6/04, Palayannur.*—The charge in this case was the failure on the part of the conductor of C. S. 376 to show the "G" permit when demanded by the Probationary Inspector of Police.

The owner of the bus had sent this permit along with the two others to the Head Office for renewal. The office gave a joint receipt for all the three permits. When the "G" permit was demanded the receipt was in another bus and therefore the conductor was not able to show the same.

The charge was therefore ordered to be withdrawn.

(4) *Crime No. 12/04, Nemmara.*—The case was that the conductor of C. S. No. 845 had not with him his Pass Book, the "G" permit, and the Brake certificate of the bus when it came to Nemmara from Pollachi. The Division Inspector of Police who looked into the matter subsequently recommended the withdrawal of the charge as the bus possessed all the above papers and it was only an omission on the part of the conductor to carry them with him. The offence being only a technical one, the charge was withdrawn.

1105.

(1) *Crime No. 59/05, Trichur Town.*—The charge was that one Dr. V. N. Krishna Ayyar disobeyed the directions of the Police Constable on Traffic Regulation duty and took his car on the Trichur Pooram day through a road against the prohibitory order of the Sub-Magistrate.

In the court, the Doctor expressed regret and submitted that he had no intention of disobeying the directions of the policeman on duty and that he was proceeding on an urgent professional call.

The charge was therefore withdrawn.

1106.

Crime No. 26/06, Palayannur.—The Charge that C. S. 536 was taken through an unauthorised road for a distance of about

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a furlong or two was found to be too trivial to be taken to the court, especially in view of the fact that the trip was taken to set down a female passenger near her house as she was not able to walk the distance.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the Station House Officers are the Head Constables or those below the rank of the Head Constables?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There I meant only the Inspectors.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Station House Officers, those are the words used.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There I mean only the Inspectors. If any report is received from the Head Constables it is sometimes sent back to the Inspectors and no report is received from the Head Constables without being ratified by the Inspectors.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"The charge was the failure to show the 'G' permit. The owner of the bus had sent this permit along with the two others to Head Office for renewal. The Office gave a joint receipt for all the three permits." So whose mistake was it that the bus driver was not able to show the permit when asked?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Nobody's mistake. Probably the office should have done better by giving a separate receipt.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The bus driver was taken to task for the fault of the department. Is it not so?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not think so. The driver should have asked for separate receipts, when he received joint receipts. There is no intention in prosecuting this man and that is why the prosecution has been withdrawn.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Commissioner come to know that he had no intention?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not understand the question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this matter brought to the notice of the Commissioner, that this bus driver was not responsible for this? Was any explanation asked for from the bus driver before he was prosecuted?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—But I came to know of the prosecution only after the prosecution was launched. It is not necessary that they must get my previous sanction.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Prosecuting Officer know about this when he prosecuted him?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the case launched; the date?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Notice, please.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this matter brought to the notice of the Commissioner?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Production of Paddy.

122. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total quantity of paddy produced in the State during each of the last ten years?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is not possible to state definitely the exact quantity of paddy produced in the State during each of the last 10 years. The annual estimated production of paddy is about 21 millions of paras. There has been no appreciable increase or decrease in the production of paddy during the last ten years.

Allotments for Panchayats.

123. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state on what principle the allotments for Panchayats are made in the budget by the Registrar; what are the amounts that the different Panchayats asked for and what are the amounts recommended by the Registrar for sanction in the budget for 1107?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The general principles on which budget proposals are submitted to the Government by the Registrar are laid down in Rule V of the Diwan's Notification, dated 29th January 1922 published in Gazette dated 22nd Makaram 1097 (Panchayat Finance Rules). He took particular care to see that every Panchayat was recommended for some grant. The list giving the information is placed on the table. (*Appendix I.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In Appendix I, item No.14. No budget was received and Rs. 5,276 was allotted. May I know on what reason this allotment was made without a budget?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There might have been previous requisitions from the Panchayat and Government might have had sanctioned the works, or the Registrar might have noted that the works were necessary for the Panchayat and he did not think it fair to deny the Panchayat all amounts.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The whole of the amount was for works for which sanction was given by the Government?

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